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Submitted herewith is the following document relating to the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Response to Office Action.

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In response to the Office Action dated January 7, 2004 in the above-identified application, please consider the remarks below:

REMARKS

The present application was filed on June 14, 1999 with claims 1-22. Claims 1-22 remain pending. Claims 1, 9 and 17 are the pending independent claims.

In the outstanding Office Action dated January 7, 2004, the Examiner: (i) rejected claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9-11, 13, 14, 17-19, 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,864,592 (hereinafter "Itri"); (ii) rejected claims 4, 12 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Itri in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,068,877 (hereinafter "Near"); and (iii) rejected claims 7, 8, 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Itri in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,638,379 (hereinafter "Narasimha").

In this response, Applicant traverses the §102(e) and §103(a) rejections. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.